

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on May 28, 2002, and the references cited therewith. Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21-25, and 51-53 are amended; as a result, claims 1-25 and 51-53 remain pending in this application.

Applicant notes that the rejections in the Office Action of May 28, 2002 are essentially identical to those presented in the Office Action of October 15, 2001.

On page 14 and 15 of the Office Action of May 28, 2002, in the "Response to Arguments" section, the Examiner noted that the claims as amended in Applicant's previous Amendment and Response did not include the limitation that the conductive layer be a "single layer." Further, the Examiner took issue with the limitation of "a uniform conductive layer" as added to select claims in Applicant's previous Amendment and Response, and as argued by Applicant with respect to the references cited in the previous Office Action. In particular, the Examiner noted that this limitation could be interpreted to mean something other than a "single conductive layer."

In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21-25, and 51-53 to remove the "uniform layer" limitation and replace it with the "single layer" limitation. The arguments set forth in Applicant's previous Amendment and Response apply equally to the rejections in latest Office Action in support of the "single layer" limitation.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended, and those depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited prior art for the reasons set forth in Applicant's previous Amendment and Response, which is incorporated by reference herein. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, Joe Gortych, at (802) 660-7199 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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